

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2008-37

March 7, 2008

SUBJECT: Re-Establishment – District of Columbia Emancipation
Commemoration Commission

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(2) and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(2), (11) (2007 Supp.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Establishment

This order re-establishes the Emancipation Commemoration Commission ("Commission") in the District of Columbia Government.

2. Purpose

The Commission shall assist the Mayor on matters relating to the District's celebration on the annual public holiday commemorating the signing of the D.C. Compensated Emancipation Act, celebrated on April 16 of each year.

3. Functions

The Commission shall:

- a. Advise the Mayor on activities to be sponsored by the District of Columbia government for the holiday and assist in the implementation of approved events;
- b. Encourage educational programs relating to the holiday designed to increase awareness of the importance of District of Columbia Emancipation Day; and
- c. Undertake such other duties as are assigned by the Mayor.

4. Composition

The Commission shall have a maximum of 14 members. Eleven of the 14 shall be the Director or a designee of the Director of the following offices or organizations:

- a. Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia
- b. Council of the District of Columbia
- c. Delegate to the House of Representatives
- d. District of Columbia Public Schools
- e. District of Columbia Public Library
- f. District of Columbia Youth Advisory Council
- g. Historical Society of Washington, DC
- h. National Archives and Records Administration
- i. DC Vote
- j. 15th Street Presbyterian Church
- k. History Club of the University of the District of Columbia

In addition, the following historians are appointed to the Commission:

- a. John W. Franklin, National Museum of African American History and Culture
- b. Donna Wells, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center
- c. Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, Howard University

5. Terms

Members who are not District of Columbia government representatives shall be appointed for terms of two years, ending in September of every other year. Government representatives will serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

6. Compensation

Members shall serve without compensation.

7. Organization

- a. The Secretary of the District of Columbia shall serve as Chair of the Commission, and shall appoint a Vice Chair to lead the Commission in the absence of the Chair. The Commission may elect such other officers as are deemed necessary.
- b. The Chair may appoint subcommittees as needed, each chaired by a member of the Commission. District residents who are not members of the Commission may serve on subcommittees.
- c. Meetings of the Commission shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair.

8. **Administration**

Primary administrative support for the Commission shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia. Other government agencies shall cooperate with the Commission and assist them in carrying out their responsibilities.

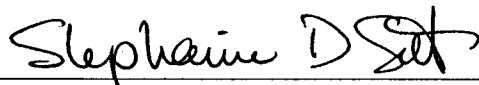
9. **Rescissions**

Mayor's Order 2004-35, dated March 1, 2004, and Mayor's Order 2006-29, dated March 8, 2006 are rescinded.

10. **EFFECTIVE DATE** This order shall become effective immediately.



ADRIAN M. FENTY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
STEPHANIE D. SCOTT
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

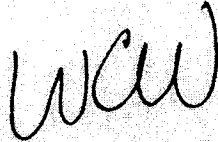
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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tabatha Braxton
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Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia

FROM: Wayne C. Witkowski
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DATE: March 6, 2008

SUBJECT: Review of Draft Mayor's Order Reestablishing the Emancipation
Commemoration Commission in the District of Columbia Government
(AM-08-166)

This memorandum responds to your March 3, 2008 request that this Office review the above-referenced Mayor's Order ("Order") for legal sufficiency.

The Order reestablishes the Emancipation Commemoration Commission ("Commission") in the District of Columbia Government. The Commission will assist the Mayor on matters relating to the celebration of the annual public holiday commemorating the signing of the D.C. Compensated Emancipation Act. The Commission will be composed of as many as 14 members - 11 designated by the heads of District Government and other entities, and three named historians.

I find the Order to be legally sufficient. I am enclosing with this memorandum a revised version of the Order, which contains minor modifications. Please use this revised version. In addition, please be sure to send the Order to Clifton Posey in the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances to ensure proper formatting.

Should you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Jason Spitalnick in the Legal Counsel Division by telephone at 724-6528 or by email at jason.spitalnick@dc.gov, or me at 724-5524.

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